

National Journal:

Will you extend into the 111th Congress the current House GOP moratorium on earmarks? Related to that, if you win the majority, will you seek any change to the Appropriations Committee's professional staff or other reforms to signal that, in your words, "business as usual" is over when it comes to discretionary spending?

Minority Leader BOEHNER:

Look, I've always had a no earmarks policy. I helped get the conference into a place where we have a current moratorium. And I think it's perfectly clear that going back to business as usual is not an option. That's the case with earmarking specifically, and with spending in general. Change is never easy, but change is necessary. It's what the American people are demanding of us.

National Journal:

You've said you are open to having spending-cut legislation come to the House floor each week or, at a minimum, regularly. How do you intend for this to work?

Minority Leader BOEHNER:

Well, I think a model for that particular proposal may be the YouCut project that ERIC and the other members of our economic recovery solutions group have been doing all year. They've got a ton of specific cuts, chosen by the American people in an online poll. I also said in my speech in September at AEI that I think we need to look at breaking up all these massive spending bills—break them into smaller bills that are more conducive to scrutiny and debate. We said in the pledge that we need to set up a process that makes it easier to cut spending. In my mind that means, among other things, if a Member has an amendment that would cut spending, it should get a vote. Period.

□ 2150

Skippping down.

National Journal:

How much longer do you envision staying in Congress? And, related to that, did you learn anything valuable from the speakership of NANCY PELOSI?

Minority Leader BOEHNER:

Hell, I've already stayed here a lot longer than I ever thought I would. We'll see. I think the current majority has reinforced what I already knew. You can't run this place, at least not well, by shutting out the American people, shutting out the other party, and even shutting out your own members. You can twist arms and crack heads and cut deals for a while, but it just won't work in the long term.

Madam Speaker, with that, I yield back the balance of my time.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22 U.S.C. 7002), as amended, and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2014:

Mr. Larry Wortzel, Williamsburg, Virginia.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 2220

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah) at 10 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 4310, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-707) on the resolution (H. Res. 840) providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.J. RES. 66, APPROVING RENEWAL OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AGAINST BURMA, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6684, SPENDING REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-708) on the resolution (H. Res. 841) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6684) to provide for spending reduction, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MICA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today after 5 p.m. on account of attending a funeral.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title,

which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3783. An act to provide for a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's growing hostile presence and activity in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 285. An act for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 19, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 6116. To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6223. To amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order and pursuant to House Resolution 839, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 20, 2012, at noon, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8836. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Creation of a Low Power Radio Service; Amendment of Service and Eligibility Rules for FM Broadcast Translator Stations [MB Docket No.: 99-25; MB Docket No. 07-172. RM 11338] received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

8837. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 12-160, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8838. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 12-147, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8839. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 12-151, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8840. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a proposed removal from the United States Munitions List of two gyroscopes and one accelerometer, pursuant to Section 38(f)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

8841. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Red Bull Flugtag Miami, Biscayne Bay; Miami, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0728] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8842. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulation Clearwater Super Boat National Championship Race, Gulf of Mexico; Clearwater, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0452] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8843. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone, Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Emerald Isle, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0812] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8844. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0904] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8845. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), Newport River, Morehead City, NC [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0628] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8846. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; DeStefano Wedding Fireworks Display, Patchogue Bay, Patchogue, NY [Docket Number: USCG-2012-0571] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8847. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Cruise Ships, Santa Barbara Harbor, Santa Barbara, California [Docket Number: USCG-2011-0906] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8848. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway; Oak Island, NC [Docket Number: USCG-2012-0811] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8849. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmit-

ting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Palm Beach World Championship, Atlantic Ocean; Jupiter, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0721] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8850. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zones; Bridge Demolition Project; Indiana Harbor Canal, East Chicago, Indiana [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0904] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8851. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zone; James River, Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0931] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8852. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Schuylkill River, Philadelphia, PA [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0625] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8853. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Security Zones; USCGC WILLIAM FLORES Commissioning Ceremony, Ybor Channel; Tampa, FL [Docket No.: USCG-2012-0885] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8854. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Large Cruise Ships; Lower Mississippi River, Southwest Pass Sea Buoy to Mile Marker 96.0; New Orleans, LA [Docket Number: USCG-2010-0012] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8855. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Alliance Road Bridge Demolition; Black Warrior River, Locust Fork; Birmingham, AL [Docket Number: USCG-2012-0902] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received December 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Fourth Quarter Report of the Activities of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs During the 112th Congress (Rept. 112-706). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 840. Resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such

fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 112-707). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. DREIER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 841. Resolution providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6684) to provide for spending reduction (Rept. 112-708). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. LANCE, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. TURNER of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. REED, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SIRS, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. HOLT):

H.R. 6683. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for damages relating to Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CANTOR:

H.R. 6684. A bill to provide for spending reduction; to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Agriculture, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. ENGEL:

H.R. 6685. A bill to protect the Nation's law enforcement officers by banning the Five-seveN Pistol and 5.7 x 28mm SS190, SS192, SS195LF, SS196, and SS197 cartridges, testing handguns and ammunition for capability to penetrate body armor, and prohibiting the manufacture, importation, sale, or purchase of such handguns or ammunition by civilians; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 6686. A bill to amend the Toxic Substances Control Act relating to certain mercury compounds, products, and processes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GERLACH (for himself and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 6687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. JORDAN (for himself, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. WALBERG, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. OLSON, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. HUELSKAMP, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 6688. A bill to extend tax relief for all Americans, to replace the defense sequester scheduled to take effect on January 2, 2013,